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Dowagiac school board talks opening day staff meeting, new hires

By Maxwell Harden
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DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac Union Schools' 2024-25 school year got off to a promising start Monday morning.

The district hosted its opening day staff meeting and breakfast Monday. According to Superintendent Greg Blomgren, the event was well-attended by both teachers and staff and served as the starting point for the establishment of a strong, positive culture for the district.

Blomgren said he received feedback from multiple people in attendance regarding the strong turnout.

"They said it's been a long time since we've had this many people show for opening day breakfast," he said. "They couldn't believe how many people were there. There's a little buzz there and that just carried over to the opening day activities. There was a lot of good feedback."

"I think this morning was a success and we were very happy to be there," added Board President Robert Ickes.

Also Monday, board members hired a new middle school assistant principal. Courtney Harjung is the new assistant principal at Dowagiac Middle School, coming from Niles Community Schools district where she was the Dean of Students. In addition to Harjung, the board approved the hires of Ross Tidey (middle school special education), Amanda Quinn (Sister Lakes kindergarten) and Katelyn Sellers (middle school social worker) and accepted the resignations of Courtney Dwyer (high school art), Amy Steinman (middle school counselor), Tara Reinhardt (Sister Lakes kindergarten) and Conner Michael (middle school social studies).

Blomgren shared with the board his approach to the hiring process, which consists of building leaders

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Dowagiac Union Schools hosted its opening day staff meeting and breakfast Monday at Dowagiac Middle School.

Penn Township Treasurer candidate seeks recount

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PENN TOWNSHIP — There has been some clarity in the race for the Republican nomination for Penn Township Treasurer.

What looked like a tie last week was actually a one-point victory by the incumbent and the challenger has filed to have a recount done.

Cass County Clerk/Register Monica McMichael said the Aug. 6 election ended with incumbent Treasurer Paul Rutherford getting 281 votes and challenger Jodi Bucher getting 280. A person who was directed to the wrong township to vote said verbally that she would have voted for Bucher but that

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Firehouse Subs donates $38,700 to Howard Township Fire Department

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NILES — A local business is doing its part to help first responders serve the community.

Firehouse Subs, 930 S 11th Street, Niles, and the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently donated $38,700 to the Howard Township Fire Department. The donation allowed for the purchase of thirty Scott 4500 PSI Cylinders (Oxygen Tanks), which provide breathing air for firefighters during a fire.

The Firehouse Subs Grant Foundation provides lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations, as well as support for military veterans. Since inception, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded more than $86 million to hometown heroes in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Support for Canadian first responders is provided through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada.

According to a press release, the HTFD's previous cylinders reached their end of life – 15 years – and the township would have had to pay for new oxygen tanks next year. The donations provided by the Firehouse Subs Grant Foundation essentially saved the township $38,700.

KEEPING MICHIANA BUZZING

Local beekeepers club celebrates five years

By Maxwell Harden
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DOWAGIAC — A local club is celebrating five years of educating southwest Michigan about nature's most famous pollinator.

Established in 2019 by Theodore Schrader and Brad Cloutier, the Berrien/Cass Beekeepers Club is a nonprofit that merges hobby beekeepers and commercial beekeepers alike with a commitment to education as a member of the Michigan Beekeepers Association. The club is dedicated to promoting responsible beekeeping practices, fostering a supportive community of bee enthusiasts and sharing knowledge about honeybees and the vital role they play in the ecosystem.

"We have so much interest and we're so excited because more members means more mentors for new members," said club treasurer Maya Miller, who houses the club's apiary on her farm, Honey Hill Farms in Dowagiac. "We want to be able to get to the next level where we have more advanced classes and can have honey extracting workshops and things like that. Some people are really into it for bee genetics, some people are really into it for the environment. There's all these different niches and the more we grow, the more we can explore those things."

The club meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Southwestern Michigan College's O'Leary building (room 301) to host presentations and guest speakers to discuss bee related topics and provide education.

"There are topics like mite control, getting your hives ready for winter, equipment and treatment options, native plants that are best to put in your yard," she said.

The club also offers services for swarms of honeybees that are out in the open. In addition, the club also hosts apiary days – typically two per month – that allow members to take a more hands-on approach to beekeeping. Monthly club meetings and apiary days are open to the public.

"We usually have about 30 people here on a Saturday and it's getting into the hives, It's wearing suits, learning how to use a smoker, how to adjust your frames, all those things."

Membership dues are $25 for an individual or $40 per

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The Berrien/Cass Beekeepers Club conducts an apiary day at Honey Hill Farms in Dowagiac.

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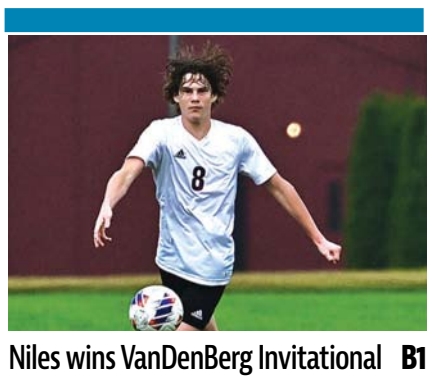

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"I am begging companies to bring back phone operators and receptionists. The frustration of talking to automated voices is terrible customer service. Not having a human answer a business call is creating stress that none of us need."

"I'm fine with the "party street" in downtown Niles, but fix the building fronts. How do landlords get away with that? The charm can be there, but we need all hands on deck."

"Please support the high school fall sports. It means so much to these kids to see fans in the stands."

"Earn extra money and rake some leaves this fall. Lots of us people are happy to pay entrepreneurs who show a little ambition. "

"Frankly, enough with the politics already. Yes, we have idiots running the country and new ones wanting to run it further into the ground. We get it."

"Thank God it looks like the 51 nightmare is coming to a close..... so many businesses really had a rough time with this road construction."

"A US President gives a speech mentioning he looks more attractive than his female opponent. This is why he is not very presidential. This is complete nonsense and an embarrassment to every American."

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"Cannabis may not be the answer for all of your health problems, but it sure has helped me with my old bones and I think alternatives to harsh chemicals may be the answer for many of us older folks struggling just to get out of the recliner."

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COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — The revving of vintage engines filled the streets of downtown Dowagiac Saturday morning as car enthusiasts from across Michiana convened for a beloved annual event.

The Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce hosted its 33rd annual Rod and Roll Classic Auto Show Saturday starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m.

More than 200 cars were registered for the event, which was founded by Ed Kazlauskas and Curt Rohdy in 1990 as a way for car-loving community members to meet and socialize.

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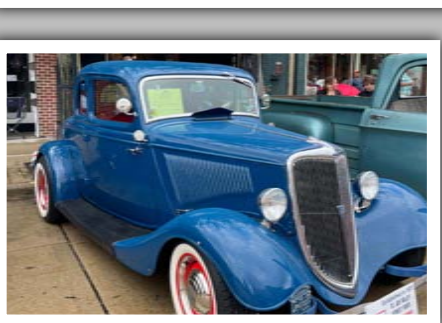

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SMC poised for enrollment three-peat

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College put in the work this summer to be poised for a three-peat this fall, President Dr. Joseph Odenwald reported to the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Enrollment shows a 2-percent increase, 1,958 head count compared to 1,917 last year at this time. "We have another two weeks, and we'll see what happens. This is registration week and our offices are open extended hours."

"For context," he added, "the only time we have been up three straight falls in the last 25 years was 2008-09-10."

Students move into the residence halls on Sunday, and fall classes begin Sept. 3.

Chuckling at perceptions that the college closes during the summer, Odenwald detailed Educational Talent Search and athletic camps that took place, his seventh annual campus fish fry, open wrestling on Tuesday nights, construction to expand two residence halls, creation of a centralized mailroom, signing a partnership with Grand Valley State University, holding the 50th road and trail race known as Steve's Run and celebrating winning SMC's first-ever Charlie Chanter All-Sports Trophy for 2023-24.

Michigan Community College Athletics Association's most prestigious honor, the All-Sports Trophy recognizes overall program success among 24 schools. The Roadrunners fully returned to intercollegiate competition just two years ago after a 25-year hiatus.

Odenwald noted that 46 full-time faculty members include a third welding instructor for a program taught at the Niles campus from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Trustees, in addition to presenting five service pins for five to 20 years, also extended special recognition to Chief Human Resources Officer Kristin Reynolds, 37, for being named to Moody on the Market's "40 Under 40."

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Chris Smith of Niles accepted her 20-year pin from Trustee Tracy Hertsel

She should have her doctorate by 40 as she starts a three-year program through Louisiana State University. Wednesday marked the third anniversary of Reynolds' SMC start on Aug. 21, 2021, coming from Illinois Central College.

Martin Bargerhuff, Oracle database administrator from Granger, received his 20-year pin from Trustee Dr. Elaine Foster. He came to SMC on Aug. 16, 2004, from 15 years in manufacturing and a brief stint in the medical software field. Bargerhuff and his wife of 28 years have three children.

Chris Smith of Niles accepted her 20-year pin from Trustee Tracy Hertsel. An SMC graduate, she worked in the School of Technology, for M-TEC, for the School of Nursing during the initial ACEN accreditation and, currently, coordinates academic affairs, working closely with faculty, administration and staff to build curriculum. She is married and the mother of three sons. Smith is starting a bachelor's degree in management through Bethel University.

Dr. Melissa Kennedy of Niles, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Services, accepted her 10-year pin from Trustee Skip Dyes. An SMC alumna, she started as a cardiac telemetry nurse at what is now Corewell Health. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Bethel University and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Colorado's American Sentinel University. Married for 23 years, all three of her children have attended SMC. She has a 2-week-old grandson and serves on Edwardsburg's foundation board.

Vice President for the Student Experience Dr. Katie Hannah of Granger received her 10-year service pin from Trustee Beth Cripe. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Illinois-Chicago, a master's degree from Oakland University and her doctorate in educational leadership from Central Michigan University. She and her husband have a 15-year-old son.

Brian Howard of Niles, manager of dual enrollment student success since 2019, was presented his five-year pin by Trustee Becky Moore. He has a master's degree in higher education administration from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He served 12 years, 2007-19, as director of academic advising at Holy Cross College. He and his wife have twin daughters.

Trustees also confirmed three directors to the SMC Foundation board —William M. White, Greg Lozeau and David Tate.

Lozeau lives in Kalamazoo and pursued an extensive information-technology career. He is an SMC alumnus and member of the SMC 1974 Cross County National Championship team.

Tate's late wife served on the board for more than 18 years. SMC's Carole A. Tate Teaching and Learning Center memorializes her. He retired after heading the Van Buren District Library system for 34 years and was clerk for Hamilton Township. His son Zach is an SMC alumnus.

White, of Jones, an SMC alumnus for whom one of the three residence halls on the Dowagiac campus was named in 2013, retired as board secretary at the end of 2022 after more than 30 years of service.

"All three of the new foundation directors are dedicated and connected to SMC in different ways. They will be valuable to help guide and grow the foundation that is so important for scholarships and improvements at SMC," Board Chair Tom Jerdon said.

The board acknowledged 12 donations totaling $13,769 to the foundation and accepted nine gifts to the college for $9,192.10.

SMC announces summer honor roll

Southwestern Michigan College named Jason Becht of Lawrence to President's List for the Summer 2024 semester.

Students honored on the President's List must earn a perfect grade-point average on a 4.0 scale while carrying a full study load of at least 12 credits.

Named to the Dean's List were Silas Lutz and Andrew Kempf of Decatur, Maritza Razo of Dowagiac and Matthew Hopkins of St. Joseph.

The four students making the Dean's List achieved at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale while carrying a full study load.

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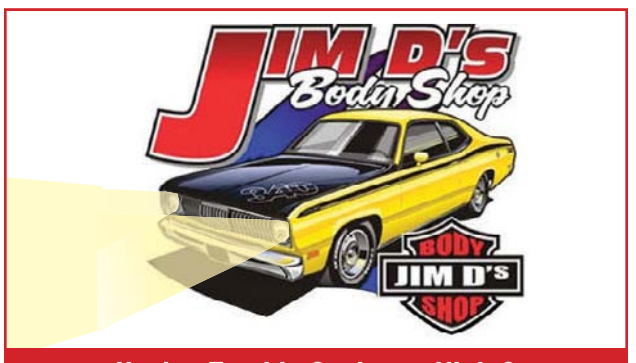

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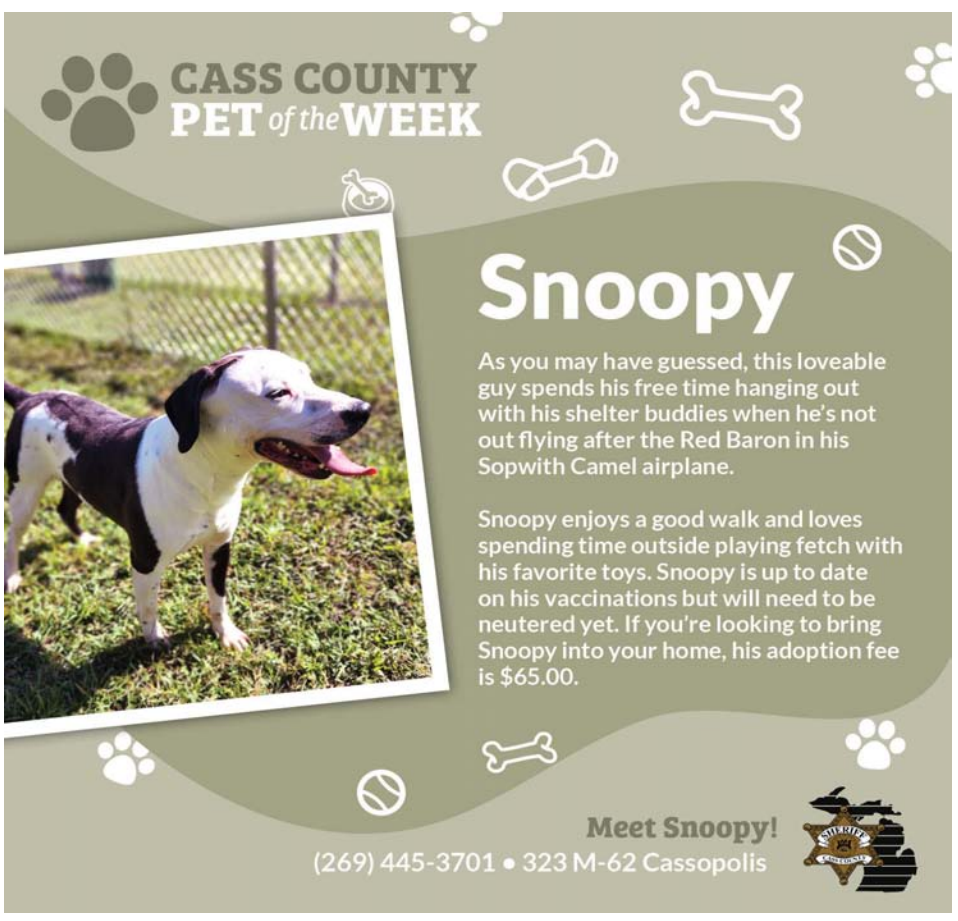
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Opinion

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voting for Trump is a step in the wrong direction

As a Native American, I must emphasize the critical importance of protecting our sovereignty, rights, and well-being. Voting for Donald Trump is a step in the wrong direction for our communities. His administration consistently undermined Indigenous sovereignty by promoting policies that threatened our lands, resources, and sacred sites. From attempts to reduce the size of national monuments that protect our ancestral lands to fast-tracking pipelines like Keystone XL and Dakota Access, Trump demonstrated a blatant disregard for Native American rights and environmental protections.

Moreover, Trump's administration eroded the trust relationship between Native nations and the federal government, neglecting treaty obligations and ignoring our voices in crucial decision-making processes. Voting for Trump means endorsing policies that harm our communities and weaken our sovereignty.

Our ancestors fought tirelessly to protect our lands and rights, and we owe it to them and future generations to stand strong against any force that seeks to diminish our sovereignty. We must vote for leaders, such as Kamala Harris, who will honor our treaties and work collaboratively with Native nations to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for all Indigenous people.

Migwétth (thank you),
Jason Gatties
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NEWS

Boy injured in Pokagon Township UTV crash

STAFF REPORT

POKAGON TOWNSHIP — A boy was injured in a single-UTV crash Sunday in Pokagon Township.

Sheriff Richard J. Behnke reports that Cass County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a single UTV crash on the dirt road portion Brush Lake Road at approximately 2:37 p.m. Sunday in Pokagon Township. The investigation showed that a UTV driven by a young male lost control on the rocks of the dirt road and rolled the UTV onto its top.

The young male driver did not sustain any injuries. His passenger, another young male, was transported to South Bend Memorial for minor injuries sustained in the crash.

Assisting agencies on scene were Indian Lake Fire department, Eau Claire Fire Department, Pokagon Tribal Police, Michigan State Police, Berrien County Sheriff's Department, and Medic 1 Ambulance.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

'These are my people': Library hosts Edwardsburg native, children's author for storytime event

By Maxwell Harden
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EDWARDSBURG — As a retired teacher, Denise Halgren is no stranger to reading books.

She estimates that she has read thousands of books to students during her 30-year teaching career. That being said, reading her own children's book to friends and former co-workers and students in Edwardsburg was a new, refreshing experience.

The Edwardsburg Branch Library, 26745 Church St., Edwardsburg, welcomed Halgren Monday for a special storytime and meet and greet event for her book titled "The Crazy Cat Lady." Written by Halgren and illustrated by Bhagya Rathnaweera, the children's book follows a teacher who retires from spending all day with children to spending all day with cats. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

"We are so excited to be able to have a local author that was a former resident and teacher here in the community," said CDL Edwardsburg Branch Manager April Hughes. "It just brings community events like this alive and brings everybody together. It's been such a wonderful morning with her reading and sharing her love of literature. Her visit with former students and families has been such a wonderful community event and we're so excited to be able to host events like this in our community."

More than 100 community members – many of which former students and co-workers – attended the event. Halgren had copies of her book for sale and signing.

"An unbelievable turnout today. I've had so many former students and co-workers visit today. It really melts my heart."

Halgren retired from EPS two years ago and currently lives in Maryland with her husband, who is in the military. As part of her storytime event, Halgren shared facts about cats to children in attendance.

"Today, I got to be a teacher again," she said. "It felt good to be in my natural element again. These are all my people. These are my friends, these are my former students, these are my people. They all came back to see me so it's very heartwarming. It's very touching."

Halgren did not set out to become an author. After retiring from teaching, she volunteered at her local food pantry and in the local schools but realized that she missed the interaction with children. She said her daughter jokes that her book is "almost an autobiography about me."

"It was kind of therapy for me," Halgren said.

Halgren is also working on two other books – "Kara Creek Ranch: A Wild West Alphabet Adventure" and "Kayla's Story: Foster Care to Adotpion." She said she plans to write a series of Crazy Cat Lady books, with the next installment titled "The Crazy Cat Lady Takes a Vacation." Halgren encourages children to send her story ideas of what to write about next. Ideas for the Crazy Cat Lady's next adventures can be submitted to crazycatladybooks@gmail.com.

"I want children to help me with these books," she said. "If they have ideas, I want them to use their imaginations; I want them to give me ideas. If they want me to use their names or ideas in my stories, I will do that because I want kids to get off of their tablets, off of their phones, off the technology and start laying outside in the grass, looking up at the clouds, looking up at the trees and start using their imaginations and going into the libraries and start reading more books."

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household. Students enrolled in minimal credit hours pay no dues. According to Miller, the club currently has 28 members as interest continues to grow.

"We've had a number of people that have found us who wanted to bring their kids for their interest and then the parents get into it," Miller said. "Most beekeepers are older, so we want kids to be involved and there's scholarships available now for young beekeepers that will help you get completely established. We need more young beekeepers."

Honey bees, both wild and domestic, play a role in the world's food supply. According to greenpeace.org, bees pollinate about 70 out of the top 100 human food crops which supply about 90 percent of the world's nutrition.

"It really is essential to all of our food," Miller said. "Having community beekeepers allows organizations to gather and report data. We have a pollen collector that's working with a couple of members in the group that are looking at the best plants to plant for this region. In this farming community, pollinators are essential."

Miller encourages anyone interested in learning more about the club to explore the club's website at bcbeekeepers.org.

"Everybody needs community and we are a community that is Incredibly inclusive," she said. "We're all about creating a better environment for ourselves and for the world."

SCHOOL

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making hiring recommendations and Blomgren and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Dunn sitting down with each candidate to ensure they are a good fit for the district.

"We've been sitting down with them for a half hour to 45 minutes, depending on the individuals, just to have a conversation and follow up with them to make sure that it's a good fit for everybody involved," Blomgren said. "We've done that with all the new hires that have come in front of us and it's how we're going through things now."

In other business, the board accepted a $5,000 donation from the Dowagiac Conservation Youth Club to be used for field trips to Love Creek Nature Center and Sarett Nature Center. The board also approved DEA and DUESPA contracts.

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vote was never allowed to count.

McMichael said last week that a state law allows for a special mail-in election to be called in specific instances such as when a voter had been denied the right to vote. She said this week that the Michigan Bureau of Elections did further investigation and changed their recommendation to hold a special mail-in election.

The section of law in question is MCL 168.836(1)(b). It states that the number of electors who could not cast valid votes for the office because of the defect or mechanical malfunction has to be greater than the number of votes separating the candidates getting the most and the second most number of votes.

In this instance, the number of electors who couldn't cast a valid vote was one and the number of votes separating the two candidates is one. McMichael said Bureau of Elections officials plan to ask the legislature to clear up the language so a situation like this one does not occur in the future.

McMichael said she has informed the state about the petition for a recount and they must clear the way for it to happen before she can set a time and place for the recount to take place. If the recount does end up with it being a tie, the winner would be determined by the drawing of a slip from a bowl with one slip saying elected.

Township resident Sheila Witous supports Bucher's efforts to have a recount and hopes that it will be allowed to go through. She said she remains concerned that Rutherford, who is 80, will resign shortly after being elected to a new term and that the community will be disenfranchised by his replacement being appointed by the board rather than elected by the voters.

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WILL THEY DEPRESS ME?
WHAT? NO. THEY AREN'T SAD OR ANYTHING.
NO, I MEAN BECAUSE YOUR WRITING IS BETTER THAN MINE.
MAYBE I'LL ASK GAYLE.
GOOD CALL. I DON'T NEED A DOWNWARD SPIRAL THIS AFTERNOON.
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ALLEY OOP

SOOOPER OOOLA, PREPARE YOURSELF TO SEE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SCUM WHO ARE RUINING THIS FAIR CITY.
THAT'S IT?! IT'S SO FRIENDLY AND INVITING!
GOOD DEEDS SQUAD WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
AH, THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO THINK. BUT IT'S ALL A RUSE, DISGUISING THE EVIL THAT LURKS WITHIN.
HOWDY, FOLKS! DO YOU NEED DIRECTIONS? WANT SOME LEMONADE?
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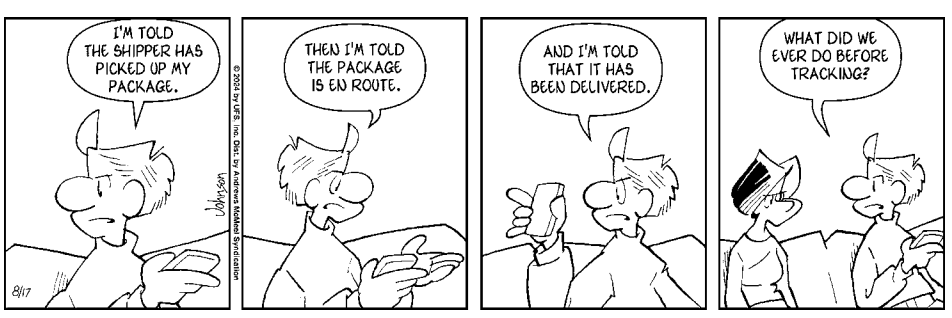
I'M TOLD THE SHIPPER HAS PICKED UP MY PACKAGE.
THEN I'M TOLD THE PACKAGE IS EN ROUTE.
AND I'M TOLD THAT IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED.
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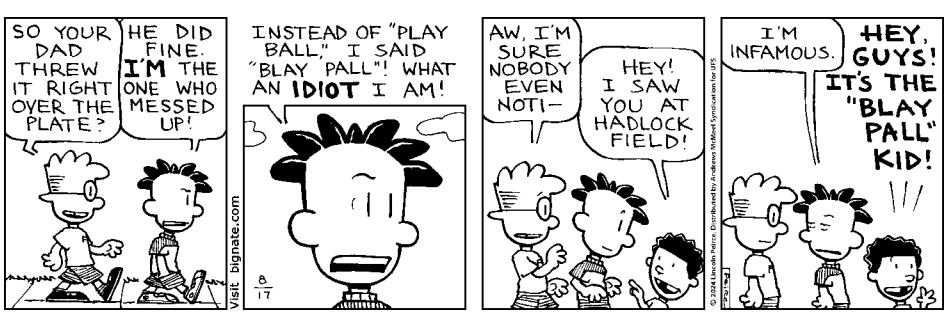
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HE DID FINE. I'M THE ONE WHO MESSED UP!
INSTEAD OF "PLAY BALL," I SAID "BLAY PALL"! WHAT AN IDIOT I AM!
AW, I'M SURE NOBODY EVEN NOTI—
HEY! I SAW YOU AT HADLOCK FIELD!
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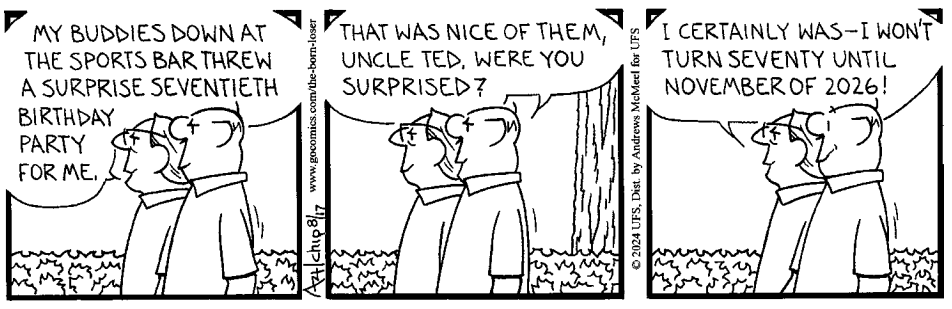
MY BUDDIES DOWN AT THE SPORTS BAR THREW A SURPRISE SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ME.
THAT WAS NICE OF THEM, UNCLE TED. WERE YOU SURPRISED?
I CERTAINLY WAS—I WON'T TURN SEVENTY UNTIL NOVEMBER OF 2026!
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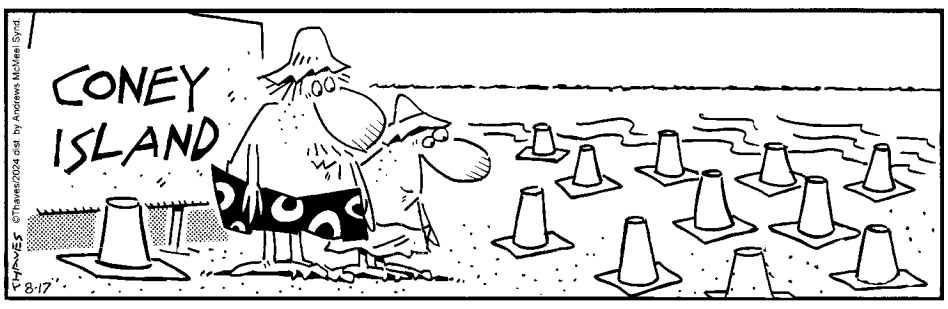

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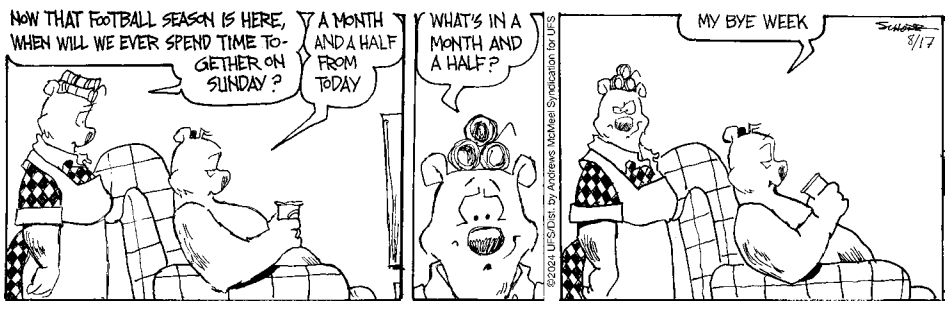
NOW THAT FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE, WHEN WILL WE EVER SPEND TIME TOGETHER ON SUNDAY?
A MONTH AND A HALF FROM TODAY
WHAT'S IN A MONTH AND A HALF?
MY BYE WEEK
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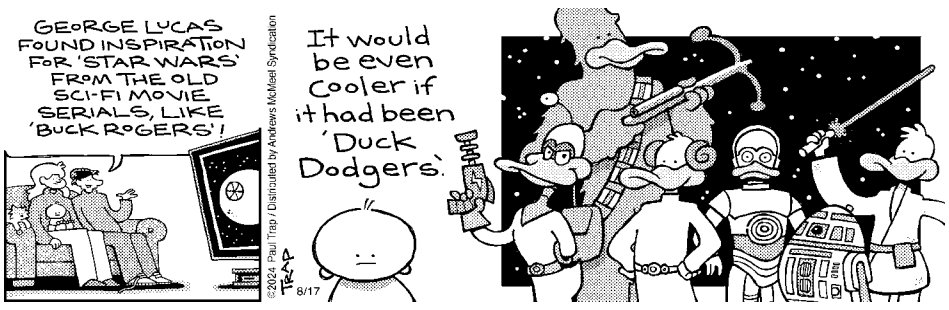
THATABABY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MODERATELY CONFUSED

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REALITY CHECK

CHARACTER ACTORS:
AT THE END OF MY LIFE, I HOPE I'LL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS THAT GUY WHO WAS IN THAT THING!
OOO! LOOK, HONEY! ISN'T HE THAT GUY WHO WAS IN THAT THING?
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WHAMMD
OOO!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 "— Maria"
4 Walk with difficulty
8 Overturn
12 Veto
13 Arab ruler
14 Unseen emanation
15 Much-used abbr.
16 Awful
17 "Exodus" author
18 Poet — Whitman
20 Without social grace
22 Body organ
24 Empty land
25 Animal enclosure
26 Bear hair
27 Plant fluid
30 Larter or Landry
32 Not spicy
34 Old French money
35 Actress — Tyler
36 Submissive
38 "Little Women" name
39 Professional charge
40 Simian
41 — tide
43 — -Magnon
44 Troubles
46 Tall monoliths
51 Departure area
53 Italia's capital
54 Makes lace
56 — King Cole
57 Goddess of discord
58 Margarine
59 AFL- —
60 Acquires
61 Agts.
62 White-tailed eagle

DOWN

1 From the top
2 Essential
3 For snobs only
4 Showed the way
5 False (abbr.)
6 Actress — Sorvino
7 Rule out
8 Blame
9 Worm on a hook
10 Eye part
11 Go by
19 Explosive stuff
21 Rocky hill
23 Workout venue
26 Run away
27 Likeness
28 "— Ventura: Pet Detective"
29 Small dog
30 TV alien from Melmac
31 Fib
33 Identity thief
37 New Zealand parrot
40 "Exodus" hero
42 Popular
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52 College in England
55 "Mayday!"

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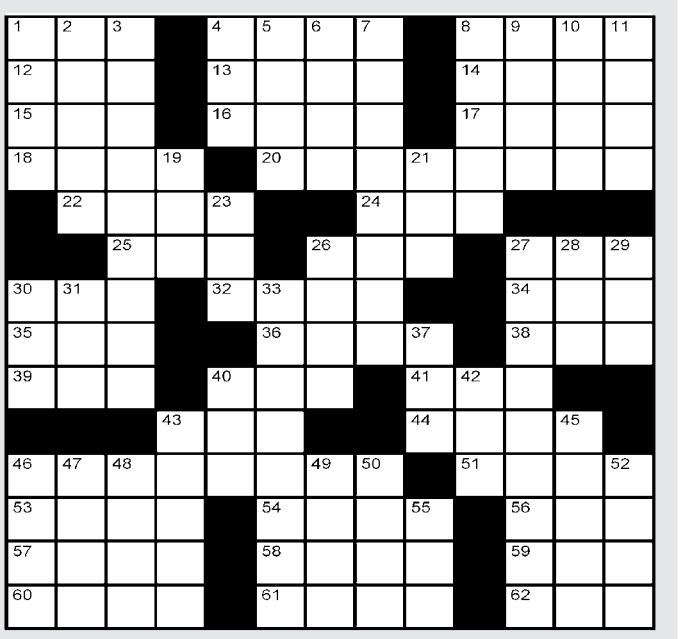

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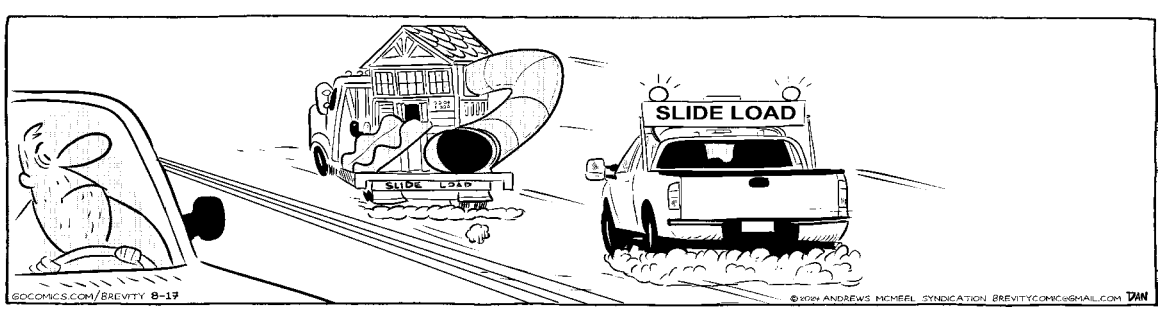

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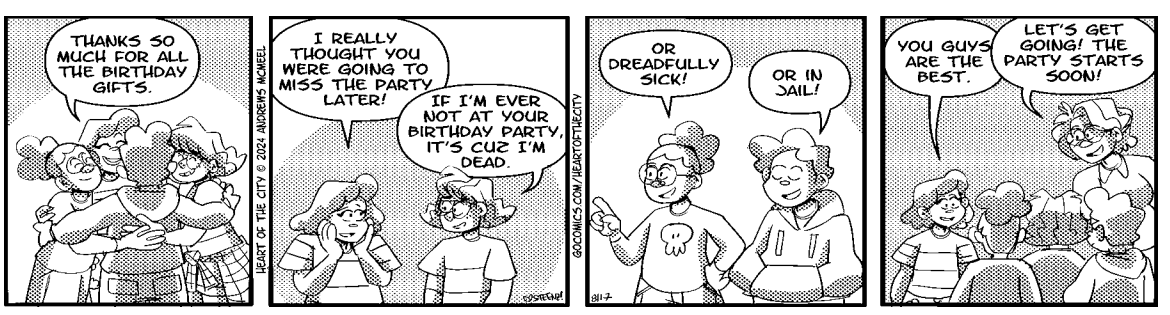
THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL THE BIRTHDAY GIFTS.
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO MISS THE PARTY LATER!
IF I'M EVER NOT AT YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY, IT'S CUZ I'M DEAD.
OR DREADFULLY SICK!
OR IN JAIL!
YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST.
LET'S GET GOING! THE PARTY STARTS SOON!
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DEATH NOTICES

Charles R. Gurney, 83, of Cassopolis, died Thursday, August 15, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Joan S. Rogge, 77, of Kalamazoo, died Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis

Donald Makowski, 77, of Niles, passed away at home on Friday, August 16, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Victoria Bedford, 35, of South Bend, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Michael John Schoff, 48, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2024, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangments have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

David Steele, 93, of Dowagiac, died Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Arrangements are being made by Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, of Dowagiac. Services at 2:00pm on Saturday, Aug 24, at Apostolic Lighthouse Church, 30402 M-62, Dowagiac, with visitation from 11am-2pm. For a complete obituary visit www.clarkch.com.

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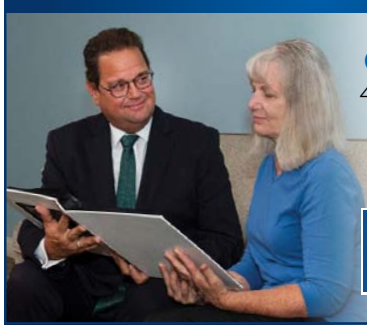

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OBITUARIES

Buddy Lynn Stanley

November 29, 1933 - August 8, 2024

Buddy Lynn Stanley, a man of dedicated service and unwavering reliability, went to his heavenly home with his Lord and Savior on August 8, 2024. Born on November 29, 1933, in Marion, Illinois, Buddy firmly established his roots in Niles, Michigan, where he lived a full and rich life.

Buddy was a loving husband to Darlene Stanley, his wife of 70 years. Their timeless bond was a testament to his affectionate and supportive nature. Buddy was not just a successful entrepreneur but a reliable pillar of strength to his family. After retiring from the Bayer Company, he owned and operated Stanley Appliance Repair for 50 years, a testament to his dedication and industrious spirit. His resilience and determination were mirrored in his family, which includes his children, John (Vicky) Stanley, Debra Williams, and Colleen (Norm) Coshow; 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Stanley, his children Victor Stanley and Pam Stanley, and his siblings, Troy Stanley, Wayne Winchester, Juanita Moore, Lloyd Stanley, John Jr., Kenneth Stanley, Maxine Moore, Shirlene Penhale, Glenna Powell, Joe Stanley, and Val Jean Stanley.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an avid bowler, who bowled for many years at numerous bowling alleys, and even scored a 300. Buddy loved watching Notre Dame Football and Basketball, as well as the Chicago Cubs.

Buddy's life was a clear reflection of his name - always there for his loved ones. His legacy will continue to inspire everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. A visitation and memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Bertrand Bible Church, 1008 Ontario Road, Niles, Michigan. The visitation will begin at 11:00 am EDT, followed by the memorial service at 1:00 pm EDT. Burial will be held at a later date in Bertrand Bible Church Cemetery in Niles, Michigan.

To honor Buddy Stanley's memory, we invite you to share your cherished memories, stories, and photos on his memorial page. It is through these shared experiences that his spirit will continue to live on, touching the hearts of all who knew him.

Gloria Collins

August 12, 1943 - August 15, 2024

Gloria Jean "Glo" Collins, age 81, of Dowagiac died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, August 15, 2024. She was born August 12, 1943, in Dowagiac, Michigan to the late Clifford Aloysius and Marvel Irene (Kidman) DeGraff.

Glo attended the parochial school at Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church until the 8th grade and graduated from Dowagiac High School. She went on to marry the love of her life, John Grant "Lonnie" Collins on April 27, 1963, at Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, where she was a lifelong member and devout Catholic.

Glo was a beautiful and classy lady, always meticulous with her appearance. She loved to wear stylish clothes, have her hair done and nails painted. She worked as a pharmacy technician and supported her family as a homemaker for many years. She was the true backbone to her family—her love so genuine. She spent much of her time with close and extended family and was always there to care for anyone that needed help. From her large home cooked meals to her immaculately clean house, she created the warmth and comfort of a true home. You never walked in or out without a very special hug. Holidays were an especially cherished time for her children and grandchildren, who affectionately referred to her as Mumsy.

Glo always kept herself busy and found solace in simple things. She enjoyed nature and relishing in the peace of the wind and rain, often sharing these special moments of serenity with her family. She loved hummingbirds and had several feeders close by to watch them. She loved to read, take trips to the casino, and watch her favorite television shows including "I Love Lucy," murder shows and Notre Dame Football. She cherished vacations spent with family. She loved visiting Houghton Lake, trips with her sisters to Las Vegas, and trips to Cedar Point, even if she did not ride roller coasters. What mattered most was that she was with the ones she loved.

Glo was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Grant Collins; and siblings, Joyce Pond, Lonny DeGraff, and Linda Gaideski.

She is survived by her children: Kelly (Norman) McCoy of Mancelona; Kevin (Lori) Collins of Dowagiac; Chris (Toni) Collins of Dowagiac; Shannon (Brent) Hatch of Dowagiac; and Jill (David) Carpenter of Kalamazoo; fourteen grandchildren: Joshua (Melanie) McCoy, Sara McCoy, Kelsey (Mark) Alexander, Matthew Collins, Jeremy Collins, Casey (Zach Nawrot) Collins, Megan Collins, Miranda (Mark Baird) Collins, Zachary Hatch, Grant (Morgan) Hatch, Rachel Hatch, Landon Carpenter, Adrienne Carpenter, and Nolan Carpenter; nine great-grandchildren: Collin, Clayton, Aubree, Bentley, Holden, Brian, Adrian, Cameron, and Roman; brother, Larry (Susan) DeGraff; sister, Judy Torbet; numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved canine companion, Lucy.

Memorial Mass will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 1:00pm at Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, 210 N Front St, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047 with Father Arul Lazar, Celebrant. Friends may visit with family from 12:00pm until the time of the service. A time for fellowship and light refreshments will follow. Private interment will take place in Riverside Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest with her late husband.

Donations in Glo's memory may be made to a charity of one's choosing.

To share a memory or leave a condolence for the family visit https://www.langelands.com.

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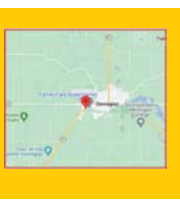

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Shirley Janssen

October 13, 1927 - August 17, 2024

Shirley J. Janssen passed away on August 17, 2024, surrounded by the warmth of her family in her beloved home in Dowagiac. Born on October 3, 1927, Shirley's life was a tapestry of devotion to her family and the simple joys that life offers.

A homemaker and the heart of her family, Shirley dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a cherished mother to four sons, William "Bill" (Vickie) Janssen of Decatur, Richard "Rick" (Brenda) Janssen of Dowagiac, David (Toni) Janssen of Dowagiac, and Steven (Alice) Janssen of Sodus. She was also a loving mother to her three daughters, Sandy (Chuck) Fancher, Diane (Bill) Visel, and Judy (Fred) Bournay, all of Dowagiac. Her legacy further blooms in the lives of her thirty-one grandchildren, sixty great-grandchildren and twenty-six great-great grandchildren, all of whom she adored. Shirley's life was also enriched by her very special sister, Sharon Kurdelmeyer of Dowagiac, and many nieces and nephews who will fondly remember her cooking.

Shirley now joins in eternal rest her parents, Floyd Tinkey and Waneta (Brown) Tinkey-Carman, stepfather, Milan Carman, her husband, John Janssen, whom she married on June 1, 1946, her sons Charles and John Janssen, her sister, Betty Tinkey, brothers, Bill Tinkey and Robert Tinkey, along with a great-granddaughter, Erin Flory, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Shirley's interests painted the picture of a woman who found joy and contentment in the simple pleasures of life. She was an excellent cook and baker, often found in the kitchen preparing meals that would bring the entire family together. A voracious reader, she also enjoyed the challenge of crossword puzzles, keeping her engaged. Shopping was another delight for Shirley, though her greatest pleasure was always found in the company of her family.

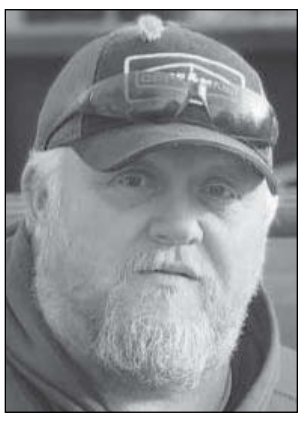
Condolences and memories may be shared with her family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Dowagiac, Michigan.

May she rest in peace and her memory be treasured forever.

Timothy Weston

January 15, 1977 - August 18, 2024



Timothy "TJ" James Weston, 47, of Marcellus, died August 18, 2024.

His life began January 15, 1977 in Kalamazoo the third of three born to Larry and Patty Davis.

TJ played football for Marcellus High School graduating in 1995. In his senior year he went with his team to the playoffs. He used this experience to coach rocket football. TJ enjoyed playing and watching softball, baseball, and football, especially Lions, Tigers, and the Wolverines. TJ had a class A CDL for truck driving and work. He worked for the village of Marcellus as the DPW Superintendent. TJ Raised cattle and pigs and was a jack of all trades. He loved hunting, fishing, and shooting. He was successful in everything he did. TJ could be heard listening to many genres of music; classic rock, hard rock, contemporary rock even hip hop and country.

Some of his children's best memories were from watching The Walking Dead with his kids. TJ enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. He always tried to find a way to connect with everyone.TJ was easy going, non-judgmental and loved selflessly both family and friends. He had contagious laughter and was constantly telling dad jokes. He tried to lift everyone up, giving his time and sharing his humor. He was the dad that was needed for anyone who needed one, each one of his children had a unique relationship with him.

TJ was able to be whomever he needed to be for each person he spent time with. TJ would sacrificially do anything for his friends and family. He was the greatest dad, brother, or son anyone could ask for.

TJ will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by three sons, Donaven (Morgan) Norman of Brethren, Ashton (Jenna Wells) Weston of Marcellus, Brayden Weston of Marcellus; two grandchildren, Brinnley and Emmett Norman; one daughter, Emma Hackenberg of Lawton; two sisters, Stacey (Ryan) Roberts of North Carolina, Brandi Davis of Marcellus; grandmother, Arlene Weston; six nieces, La'riah, La'bria, Cathrine, Mary, Brittani; four nephews, DJ, Aiden, Nicholas, Bill; a special Aunt Debbie (Bob) Morimore; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Russell Weston, Sherman Davis; grandmother, Mary Davis; his uncle, Terry Davis and his aunt, Ann Davis.

A celebration of TJ's life will be held Sunday, September 1, 2024 1:00 p.m. in The Hudson Memorial Building, 208 West Main Street, Marcellus.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Karen Sue Kolloff Alexander

August 12, 1944 - August 4, 2024

Karen Sue Kolloff Alexander was born August 12,1944 and died August 4, 2024. Karen was born in Chicago, IL to Henry Mark and Yolanda Sue Kolloff. She graduated from Niles High School in 1962 and attended Lake Michigan College. Karen married Jack Alexander and lived in Dowagiac for years. She worked for Jack Alexander Farm Insurance in Niles. She was also a dedicated MaryKay Consultant. Later she joined Coldwell Banker Real Estate as office manager and held a realtor's license. She is survived by her brother, Henry Paul (Ann) Kolloff of Niles, MI, her children John Paul Alexander of Phoenix, AZ, and Chimene Sue Alexander of Georgetown, TX, her three granddaughters Leanne Sarah Dragoo, Killenn, TX, Shelby Lynn Dragoo Mills (Joe) of Round Rock, TX, Annette Labreche, Lynnwood, WA, and great grandson Hendon Bennett Labreche, also niece Stephanie Ann Kolloff (Casey) Tampa Bay, FL.

Karen had a special bond with her pug dog, Ruby Alexander. Karen loved to travel and explore many places, but her favorite spot was her house on Dayton Lake in Galien, MI. Karen's legacy lives on through her family, friends, and the cherished memories she leaves behind. A memorial service will be held in Niles, MI at a future date to be determined.

Danny Alvin Grady Sr.

May 4, 1958 - August 16, 2024

Danny Alvin Grady Sr., age 66, of Houghton Lake, passed away on Friday, August 16, 2024. Private interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. A celebration of life will take place from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the Trillium Banquet Center, 6415 State St. Saginaw MI, all are welcome to celebrate him. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Danny was born on May 4, 1958 in Dowagiac, MI the son of Albert Grady and Barbara Buck-Wilson. He graduated from Dowagiac High School, class of 1976. Danny proudly served in the United States Army serving from 1977 until his honorable discharge in 1982. He continued his education at Texas State Technical College earning his associates degree in Biomedical Engineering. Danny worked for the Detroit Children's Hospital Covenant Hospital in Saginaw and lastly retiring from Munson Hospital in Grayling. He enjoyed watching basketball and cheering on the Michigan Wolverines. Danny was loved by many. He would never miss a moment to spend time with his kids and he was known to many as "Uncle Danny. He is survived by his children, Danny Grady Jr., Alexander Grady, Mariah (Cam) Mundy and LaToya (Rob) Harden; father, Albert Grady; and sisters, Cathy (Larry) Ash, Tracy and Vicki (Earl). Danny was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Buck-Wilson; and brother, James Grady. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

NILES BOYS SOCCER WINS
ANNUAL VANDENBERG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — The Niles boys soccer team was on a mission Saturday.

The Vikings beat Buchanan 3-1 to win their second straight VanDenBerg Invitational championship at Niles High School. Niles blanked Cassopolis 8-0 to advance to the title game while Buchanan edged rival Brandywine 2-1 in a 4-3 shootout. Niles has won 12 of the last 13 VanDenBerg Invitational titles.

Niles led the championship game 2-0 at halftime with goals from Gavyn Luke and Owen Podlin. The Bucks got on the scoreboard with a Mason Frontczak goal before Podlin found the back of the net again for Niles.

Charley Cowart made three saves in net for Buchanan.

"The boys have done an outstanding job buying into the changes we have made in the first week of the season," Ryan Haines said. "With seven players returning (two seniors) from last year and eight freshmen, we have an excellent opportunity to build a foundation for the future. I am thrilled with how we played today, even though we fell short

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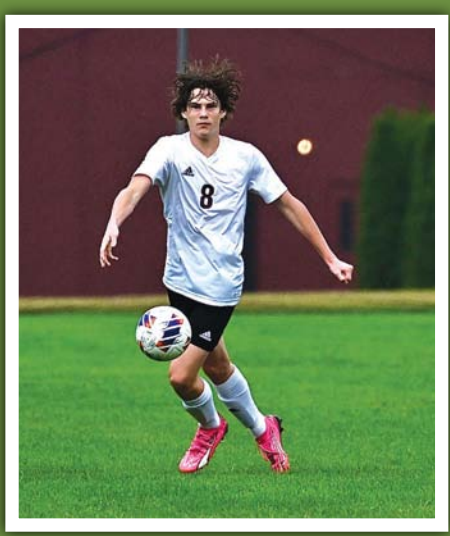

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The VanDenBerg Invitational took place Saturday, Aug. 17.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS

Buchanan boys tennis splits with Edwardsburg

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — The Buchanan and Edwardsburg varsity tennis teams battled their way to a 4-4 draw on Tuesday Aug. 20

The two teams won three flights apiece in both singles and doubles to account for their four wins. Edwardsburg's Steven Linton (7-5,2-6,6-4), Logan Summy (6-4,6-0) and Brady Leep (6-3 ,5-7,6-2) picked up wins in No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles and No. 4 doubles via Braden Farmer and Xander Souchick (6-3,2-6,6-2).

Buchanan's Carson Shelton picked up a win in No. 4 singles (6-1 , 6-0) and No. 1 doubles team Jarett Seddon and Kaleb Lingle (6-2,6-2), No. 2 doubles team Devon Simpson and Ben Bosse (4-6,6-3,6-2) and No. 3 doubles team Bodie Bryans and Chase Mitchell (6-4,6-7 (3),6-3) earned wins in doubles.

Buchanan splits with Niles

The Bucks and Vikings finished with a 4-4 tie Monday, Aug. 19. Niles' Elias Babler and Hunter Kater picked up wins at No. 1 and No. 3 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Paxton Daniel and Bryan Young and No. 4 doubles team of Josh Becraft and Zane Bolyard also earned wins. For Buchanan, Marley Hines and Shelton won No. 2 and No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Simpson and Bosse and No. 3 team of Bryans and Mitchell also picked up wins.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Ready for Warfield: Junior QB ready to lead Brandywine offense

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP –— When Brandywine football opens its season against Hartford on Thursday, there will be a new quarterback under center in junior Kaeden Warfield.

In his first season as the starting quarterback, Warfield will be looking to help the Bobcats rebound from a 3-6 campaign last year.

"It feels really good being out here," Warfield said. "I'm glad that we can take the field again, especially since I didn't get to play my full potential

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Junior Kaeden Warfield.

PLAINWELL SWEEPS ANNUAL VIKING STAMPEDE

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — The Niles and Edwardsburg cross country teams kicked off the 2024 season at the annual Viking Stampede in Madeline Bertrand Park Friday morning.

Marshall's Reece Davis placed first overall with a time of 16:08 and Plainwell's Claire Vos took first in the girls race with 20:40.

Niles' boys team placed fourth overall with 96 points and the girls team second with 74 points. Edwardsburg's boys team finished second with 48 points and the girls team fourth with 95 points. Plainwell swept the girl's and boy's titles but Niles' Charlie Drew placed second in the girls race with a time of 21:05 and Claire DevlescHoward seventh with 22:27. Edwardsburg's Kennedy Kaylor (24:37) and Grace Leman (24:39) placed 15th and 16th respectively.

On the boys side, Edwardsburg had three runners finish in the top 10 – George Scupham (16:49) in fourth, Maguire Johnson (16:52) fifth and Reed Gates (17:50) ninth. Niles siblings Beau Kirkdoll (18:17) and Ceon Kirkdoll (18:34) placed 11th and 15th respectively.

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Notre Dame grad named to US Paralympic team

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee announced its official roster for the 2024 U.S. Paralympic Team earlier this week, and Notre Dame graduate Sam Grewe is one of 225 athletes who will represent Team USA this summer in Paris.

Grewe is making his third appearance in the Paralympic Games for Team USA in 2024 and will once again compete in the high jump. He made his debut with Team USA in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro games, where he earned a silver medal in the high jump T42. Grewe then captured the gold medal in the high jump T63 at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Additionally, Grewe is a three-time world champion in the high jump T42.

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games kick off Wednesday, August 28 and run through Sunday, September 8. The city of Paris will welcome more than 4,400 Paralympians from around the world to compete in 22 different sports. In total, there will be 549 medal events with Paralympic competition spanning 17 different venues.

The men's high jump T63 final is slated for Tuesday, September 3 starting at 2:20 p.m.

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These schools won the most medals at the 2024 Olympics

COMMUNITY REPORT

The 2024 Paris Olympics have come to a close. The U.S. achieved great success, earning a total of 126 medals, while China followed with 91 medals. NCAA schools sent more than 1,000 former, current and incoming student-athletes who represented more than 100 different countries to this year's Olympics.

Of these athletes, 272 of them combined to win 330 medals for 26 countries. Let's take a look at which schools won the most medals:

1. Stanford (34)

GOLD (12): Torri Huske (swimming, 3), Katie Ledecky (swimming, 2), Regan Smith (swimming, 2), Tierna Davidson (soccer), Naomi Girma (soccer), Sophia Smith (soccer), Valarie Allman (discus), Vivian Kong (fencing)

SILVER (11): Regan Smith (swimming, 3), Torri Huske (swimming, 2), Simone Manuel (swimming, 2), Katie Ledecky (swimming), Kassidy Cook (diving), Kathryn Plummer (volleyball), Dani Jackovich (water polo)

BRONZE (11): Grant Fisher (running, 2), Alex Bowen (water polo), Ben Hallock (water polo), Drew Holland (water polo), Dylan Woodhead (water polo), Asher Hong (gymnastics), Brody Malone (gymnastics), Alanna Smith (basketball), Erik Shoji (volleyball), Katie Ledecky (swimming)

2. California (17)

GOLD (4): Jack Alexy (swimming), Ryan Murphy (swimming), Abbey Weitzeil (swimming), Camryn Rogers (hammer throw)

SILVER (6): Jack Alexy (swimming), Ryan Murphy (swimming), Sydney Payne (swimming), Abbey Weitzeil (swimming), Mykolas Alekna (discus), Caileigh Filmer (rowing)

BRONZE (7): Luca Cupido (water polo), Johnny Hooper (water polo), Kitty Lynn Joustra (water polo), Adrian Weinberg (water polo), Rowan McKellar (rowing), Georgia Bell (running), Ryan Murphy (swimming)

3. Texas (16)

GOLD (6): Kevin Durant (basketball), Scottie Scheffler (golf), Tara Davis-Woodhall (jumping), Ryan Crouser (shot put), Julien Alfred (sprinting), Hubert Kos (swimming),

SILVER (7): Carson Foster (swimming), Erin Gemmell (swimming), Luke Hobson (swimming), Drew Kibler (swimming), Leo Neugebauer (decathlon), Julien Alfred (sprinting), Chiaka Ogbogu (volleyball)

BRONZE (3): Caspar Corbeau (swimming), Carson Foster (swimming), Luke Hobson (swimming)

4. Virginia (14)

GOLD (7): Kate Douglass (swimming, 2), Gretchen Walsh (swimming, 2), Emma Weber (swimming), Pien Dicke (field hockey), Emily Sonnett (soccer)

SILVER (5): Kate Douglass (swimming, 2), Gretchen Walsh (swimming, 2), Paige Madden (swimming)

BRONZE (2): Paige Madden (swimming), Heidi Long (rowing)

5. Southern California (13)

GOLD (6): Rai Benjamin (sprinting, 2), Aaron Brown (sprinting), Andre De Grasse (sprinting), Twanisha Terry (sprinting), Anni Espar (water polo)

SILVER (2): Anna Cockrell (sprinting), Tilly Kearns (water polo)

BRONZE (5): Yemi John (sprinting), Nicole Yeargin (sprinting), Hannes Daube (water polo), Marko Vavic (water polo), Micah Christenson (volleyball)

T-8. Notre Dame (10)

GOLD (6): Lee Kiefer (fencing, 2), Jewell Loyd (basketball), Jackie Young (basketball), Korbin Albert (soccer), Chris Guiliano (swimming)

SILVER (1): Chris Guiliano (swimming)

BRONZE (3): Nick Itkin (fencing), Eszter Muhari (fencing), Yared Nuguse (running)

T-12. Michigan (8)

GOLD (1): Charlie Swanson (swimming)

SILVER (3): Abby Dent (rowing), Charlie Swanson (swimming), Abby Andrews (water polo)

BRONZE (4): Siobhán Haughey (swimming, 2), Paul Juda (gymnastics), Frederick Richard (gymnastics)

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The Cass County Treasurer will offer tax-reverted real estate at public auction on September 3rd, 2024.

The auction will be held online at **www.tax-sale.info** from 10:00am to 7:00pm EDT. Bids can also be placed up to 30 days in advance on the website, and assistance is available for those without computer or internet access.

Incomplete or voided sales from the September 3rd auction, if any, will be re-offered online on September 26th, 2024. Please visit **www.tax-sale.info/faq** for additional details.

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NILES TENNIS WINS TOURNAMENT

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The Niles boys tennis team took first place in its tennis tournament Wednesday, edging Edwardsburg by two points. Team scoring: Niles 35, Edwardsburg 33, South Haven 31, Three Rivers 24, Brandywine 19, Bridgman 7.

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in the championship."

Mason Frontczak scored Buchanan's lone regulation goal in the semifinal with Josue Segundo scoring for Brandywine. In Niles' win over Cassopolis, Josh McIntyre, Bradyn Maples and Podlin scored two goals apiece while Beau Kirkdoll and Juan Campos each added one goal.

"I was very happy with the way we started out," said Niles head coach Scott Riggenbach after the Cassopolis win. "We're moving the ball. Cassopolis was really pushing and I liked the way we were moving the ball. We started the season thinking we want to get out early, get things going and we did exactly that. I was satisfied with the way the boys played."

WARFIELD

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last year with a broken hand."

While quarterback is a new position for him, Warfield is eager to show he has what it takes to become a leader for the team.

"I'm looking forward to showing coach Kinzie what we can do," he said. "I'm trying to be a leader where I lift everybody up instead of tearing them down and push them to be their best."

"He has stepped up as a leader, which has been awesome to see," said head coach Justin Kinzie.

Warfield was a playmaker at both running back and defensive back his first two years in a Bobcats uniform. Last year, he tallied 337 rushing yards and two touchdowns on offense and 32 tackles and one sack on defense – while playing with a broken hand for half of the season. Warfield believes the time he spent in the backfield will help him as a quarterback.

"I think that's helped a lot with being able to understand what I can do to help the A-backs get the ball when they need it," he said.

The Bobcats return four starters on offense and defense this year. Carter Sobecki returns as one of the area's top running backs and Tommy Killelea will help anchor the offensive line. Kinzie said the team's emphasis on speed training and strength and conditioning is paying off.

"I know people say speed kills but the truth is 'speed catches, strength kills.' You gotta do both," he said. "If you look at our offensive line, we've got 270 pounds, 280 pounds, 260 pounds, we've big boys and every single one of them has a max speed of 16-17 miles an hour. They're not just big, they're fast, which is nice. We're really excited about it."

Warfield has his eyes set on leading the Bobcats back to the playoffs and being the best version of himself as a player.

"I want to make the playoffs but personally I want to do the best I can and try to be a perfectionist."

The Bobcats face Hartford at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 before hosting Watervliet for their home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I think we have a good team and I think we're all ready to go play and hit somebody in a different color jersey."

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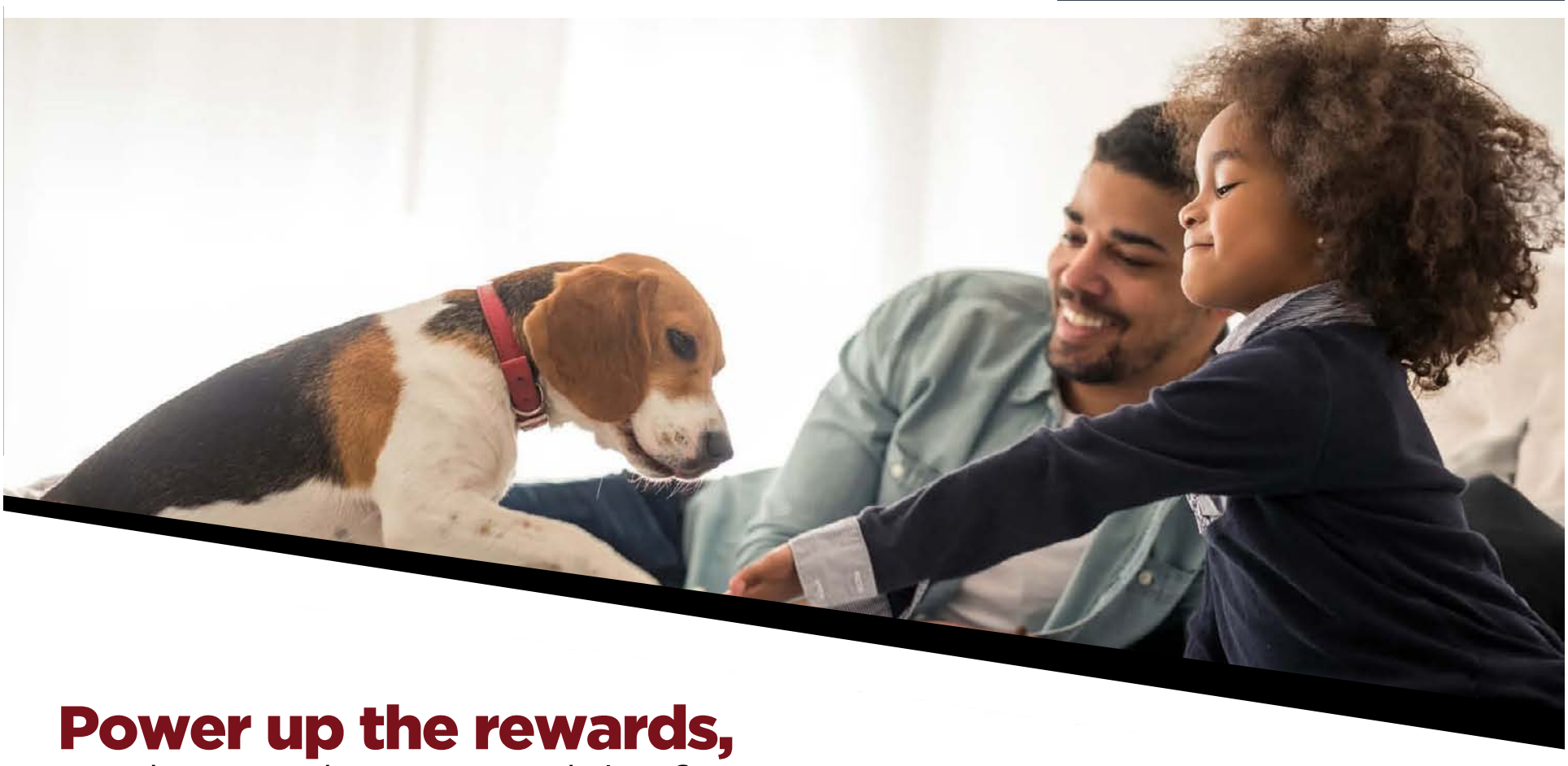
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PUBLIC NOTICE

AMMENDING THE VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 264; PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Cassopolis, Cass County Michigan that the Village of Cassopolis Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows:

PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION CHAPTER 264 ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS §264-1 DEFINITIONS

Add:
SECURE AREA
Any external or internal area within or around a police department or sheriff's department, a municipal or county building, courthouse or library, or other public agency, office, institution, or its environs where public access is limited, restricted, or prohibited due to the need to maintain security protocols for that area. A secure area shall be marked or maintained in a manner to inform the public that the area is secure, and that public access is limited, restricted, or prohibited.

PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION CHAPTER 264 ARTICLE II

Replace §264-6
§ 264-6 Refusal to leave public property and Trespassing in Secure Areas
A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if the person:
A. Enters and loiters or remains in or about a police department or sheriff's department, a municipal or county building, courthouse or library or any public building agency, office, institution, or its environs without express or implied permission of those in authority or their representatives; and
B. Refuses to leave the premises when so directed by those in authority or their representatives.
C. Enters a secure area in or surrounding a police department or sheriff's department, a municipal or county building, courthouse or library, or any public building agency, office, institution, or its environs without express or implied permission of those with authority over the secure area or their representatives or designees; and
D. Refuses to leave the area when so directed by those with authority over the secure area, their representatives, their designees, or law enforcement.
This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication of adopted ordinance.

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ORD 264

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Saturday, August 17, 2024 around 130pm, Cassopolis DPW was notified that a sewer was spilling on to the ground near the road 60320 M62. A sewer force main had broken and needed to be repaired. DPW Crews arrived and were able to stop the sewer from spilling while the repair could be made. About 10,000 gallons spilled onto the ground before the upstream pump station could be safely turned off and have its sewer water pumped and hauled to a downstream location. After the repair was complete, hydrated lime was spread on all of the area impacted by the sewer. No bodies of water were impacted by the discharge of sewer.er.

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SEWER SPILL

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN SHORT TERM RENTALS ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1 ADOPTED: AUGUST 19, 2024 EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Purpose:
LaGrange Township finds that short-term rental properties bring many benefits to the Township & Community, and as such, hereby expressly permits short-term rental properties.
As defined as rental periods of less than 28 days.
A) Permissible Zoning Districts. Short-term rentals are permitted in all areas of the Township, where residences are permitted.
B) Zoning Compliance Permit.
The owners of short-term rental properties shall register with the Township within 45 days of operating their short-term rental.
1) The property owner shall provide and certify to be true the following on a form provided by the Lagrange Township.
a.) Name, address and telephone number of the owner and any local agent of the dwelling to be used as a short-term rental.
b) Property owner must certify that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors shall meet current Township code requirements for residential rental properties.
C) Dwellings used as a short-term rental are subject to the following requirements and standards.
1. Street Address. Must have a street number marker visible from the road.
2. Occupancy. Must not exceed the maximum allowed as per the rental agreement & as advertised.
3. Parking. The property owner must provide sufficient parking spaces to accommodate all renters' vehicles on their property. Any street parking is prohibited, where not allowed by law.
4. Compliance with Township regulations:
The short term rental property owner, renter, and renters guests of short-term rental shall comply with all applicable Lagrange Township regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to, building codes, fire codes, noise, and garbage disposal.
5. Notice of Violation: Should the property owner/local agent be notified that a renter or renters guest has violated any provision of this ordinance or any other ordinance or code adopted by Lagrange Township, the short-term rental property owner or local contact shall notify the renter of such violations as soon as possible and take action as necessary to prevent a reoccurrence. Any reoccurrence of more than two violations within a calendar year period shall be investigated by the Township Zoning Administrator.
6. There will be a $100 one time registration fee for the property owner for Short term rental application per residence.
This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication of a summary hereof, after adoption, as required by law.

Tasha E. McCoy, Clerk
LaGrange Township
lagrangeclerk@aol.com
www.lagrangetownshipmi.com
269-233-4004

Date Adopted August 19, 2024
Date Published / Newspaper August 24, 2024
Date Sent to County Clerk August 21, 2024
Date Effective September 24, 2024

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ORDINANCE

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ruth M. Serafini, a married woman and Aurelio Serafini, her husband, signing to waive his homestead rights to the lien of this mortgage
Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NARRE Titling Trust
Date of Mortgage: October 20, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 6, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $708,618.48
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Calvin, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 32 and 33, Diamond View Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1-H, Page 352 of Plats, Cass County Records.
Common street address (if any): 62634 Diamond View Dr, Cassopolis, MI 49031-9316
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 10, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, September 18, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert G Harris and Connie Harris, Husband and Wife to Fifth Third Bank, National Association f/k/a Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2018, and recorded on March 28, 2018, in Liber 1137, Page 914, Cass County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One and 78/100 ($52,591.78) including interest at the rate of 4.64000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ontwa, Cass County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot number Twenty-Four in J.S. Wilkinson`s Addition to the Village of Edwardsburg, according to the recorded Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1E of Plats, Page 445. Commonly known as: 26887 WILKINSON ST, EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: August 17, 2024 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association f/k/a Fifth Third Bank 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 24MI00435-1
(08-17)(09-07)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CASS PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 2024-192-GA

In the matter of Johnnie Mae Simpson
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Charlie Simpson whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (via zoom) at 60296 M-62 #20 Cassopolis, MI 49031 before Judge Carol Montavon Bealor P57068 for the following purpose: Petition for Appointment of guardian of Incapacitated Individual

08/14/24

Tammy Price on behalf of The Timber of Cass County 55432 Colby St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-7828

Lebenbom & Rothman, P.C., Andrew R. Rothman P34237, 2701 Troy Center Drive, Suite 450, Troy, MI 49084, (248)362-9699

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 02, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jacklyn K. Neel to One Reverse Mortgage, LLC dated December 29, 2018 and recorded January 8, 2019 in Liber 1149 at Page 2126, Cass County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $40,763.44. Said premises are located in Cass County, Michigan and are described as: Tax Id Number(s): 14-080-025-001-00 Land situated In the Township of Newberg in the County of Cass in the State of MI COMMENCING SOUTH 605.7 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 25; THENCE WEST 208.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 115.7 FEET; THENCE WEST 60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 312.58 FEET; THENCE EAST 268.71 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, SECTION 25, TOWN 6 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST. Commonly known as: 60142 Corey Lake Rd, Three Rivers, MI 49093-8234 Said property is commonly known as 60142 Corey Lake Rd, Three Rivers, MI 49093. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: August 14, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-21533
(08-24)(09-14)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CASS PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 2024-193-CA

In the matter of Johnnie Mae Simpson
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Charlie Simpson whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 60296 M-62 #20 Cassopolis, MI 49031 (via zoom) before Judge Carol Montavon Bealor P57068 for the following purpose: Petition for Appointment of Conservator

08/14/24

Julie Amsbury on behalf of The Timber of Cass County 55432 Colby St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 269-782-7828

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 02, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Heather E ONeill, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 14, 2013 Recorded on March 28, 2013, Liber 1057, on Page 734, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on July 18, 2013, Liber 1063, on Page 1343, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on April 09, 2019 in Liber 1152, on Page 2586 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and 03/100 Dollars ($35,900.03) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Cass County, and described as: Lot 31, Fairfield Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1-H of Plats, page 381, Cass County records. Commonly known as 602 Sunnyside Dr, Dowagiac, MI 49047 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE COUNTY OF CASS NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE CASE NO. 2024-179-DE

Estate of Boyd Douglas Troup, Deceased
Date of birth October 4, 1949

TO ALL CREDITORS:* **NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Boyd Douglas Troup, died June 10, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peggy C. Welburn, personal representative, or to both the probate court of 60296 M-62, Suite 10, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 16, 2024
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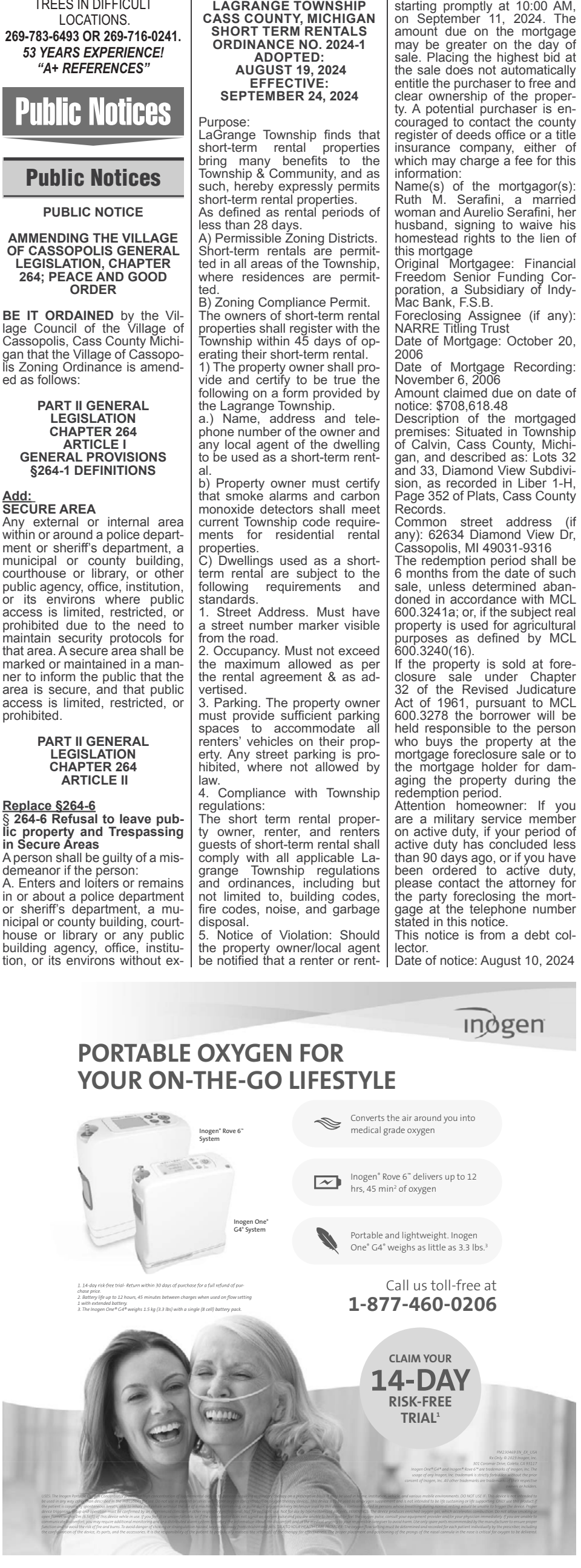
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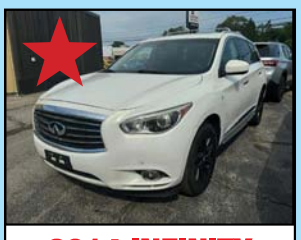

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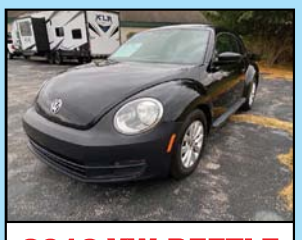

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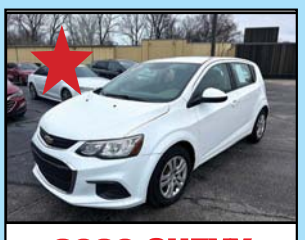

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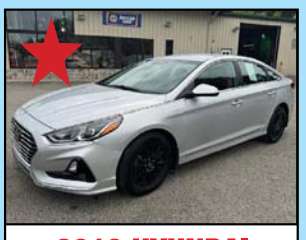

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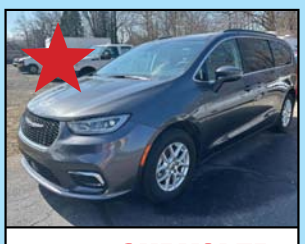

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